



**State Board of Education Request for
Freeway School Accreditation**

Name of Requesting School:	Greenwood Christian Academy
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Board Date:	September 1, 2010	Grade Span:	K-12
Education Director:	Bruce Peters	Public or Private:	Private
Location Address:	835 W Worthsville Road	Enrollment:	308
City/Town:	Greenwood	Targeted Student Population:	Christian Students

Indiana Department of Education

Division of Educator Licensing and School Accreditation

The following executive summary has been compiled by the Division of Educator Licensing and School Accreditation for use by the Indiana State Board of Education. It includes information presented by the school during the accreditation process, potential legal standard issues, and any other information collected during the process that may impact accreditation.

Summary of Materials Presented to the Board:

- 1. Identity** – Located in Greenwood, we strive to provide a Christian school system, grades K-12, for Marion, Johnson, Shelby, and Morgan Counties in a geographic area south of 1-465 between 1-70 on the west and 1-74 on the east, to meet the educational needs of Christian families that desire to choose an alternative educational program for their children.
- 2. Attendance** – For all students, K through the 12th grade, daily attendance is tracked and recorded carefully rate is normally above 95%. It is Greenwood Christian Academy's goal to maintain a high attendance rate of 90% or more. The office staff confirms absences with parents and parents can also track attendance using the school's attendance/grading software in order to monitor student attendance.
- 3. Graduation** – Greenwood Christian Academy offers a curriculum, which allows every student to qualify for the Academic Honors Diploma, should they choose to do so. The school's graduation rate is greater than 95%.
- 4. Benchmarks**
 - a. Attendance Rates**
 - b. Graduation Requirements**
 - c. ISTEP+ / ECA**
 - d. Post-High School College/Vocational Enrollment**
 - e. SAT/ACT Results**
- 5. Staffing** – Ninety percent of teachers are licensed by the State of Indiana. The remaining members of the faculty have strong academic backgrounds.
- 6. Waiver Requests:**
 - a.** IC 20-10.1-4-6 requirements for safety education, IC 20-10. 1-4-7 requirements for hygiene/safety science and IC 20-10. 1-4-9.1 health, safety and hygiene instruction. The

principles of safety education, hygiene/safety science, and health instruction are purposefully being taught in health courses, science courses, and Bible courses.

- b. IC 20-10. 1-9-1 Requirements for textbook adoption. Greenwood Christian Academy is committed to choosing textbooks and instructional materials that support and complement its mission, purpose, and Christian worldview according to Biblical principles. Greenwood Christian Academy has established a review of its entire curriculum on a five-year cycle. Committees of board members, staff, and parents are established to conduct curricular reviews and to choose textbooks and educational materials.
- c. 511 IAC 6-2-1; 511 IAC 6.1-6-1; 411 IAC 6.1-9-10. Regulations requiring licensed teachers. For the 2009-2010 school year, approximately 90% of the staff of Greenwood Christian Academy is certified by the Indiana Department of Education

Issues: Teacher licensing

Recommendation: It is recommended that Greenwood Christian Academy be granted Freeway accreditation for five years, expiring September 1, 2015.

Rationale: After an on-site visit and discussion with school leadership, teacher licensing has been found to be consistent with other similarly accredited Freeway schools.